

WOMT Summary for May 17, 2011

The WOMT met and discussed the following:

Smelt Working Group did not meet this week and has no recommendation for delta smelt or longfin smelt at this time and will continue to monitor salvage, survey data and hydrological conditions.

DOSS advises that the first trigger for steelhead in the NMFS BiOp for action IV.2.3 was triggered on 5/13/11 for one day. However, since OMR flows are currently positive the response (no more negative than -3,500 cfs) is already being met and therefore no action is necessary. Also, DOSS advises the continuation of NMFS BiOp action IV.2.1 (San Joaquin River Inflow to Export Ratio) in accordance to the implementation criteria recommended by the DOSS subgroup. DOSS advises that the reporting out of the 4:1 ratio be rounded to the nearest tenth decimal place and included in the DWR daily operations summary until May 31.

NMFS accepts the advice from DOSS and determines that managing CVP/SWP operations is consistent with the intended implementation of Action IV.2.1 and sufficiently protective of listed species present in the Delta at this time.